

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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*Current law* does not generally prohibit government authorities or agencies who maintain Internet sites from collecting personally identifiable information from individuals who visit the site.

2001 Assembly Bill 176 provides that a state officer, agency, authority, or governmentally related corporation, that maintains an Internet site, may not use that site to obtain personally identifiable information from any person who visits the site unless the visitor consents to the disclosure of his or her information. For purposes of the bill, personally identifiable information means information that can be associated with a particular individual through one or more identifiers or other information circumstances.

Assembly Amendment 1 excludes Internet protocol addresses from the bill's requirements. An Internet protocol address is defined as an identifier for a computer or device on a transmission control protocol-Internet protocol (TCP/IP) network.

Assembly Amendment 1 was adopted by the Assembly by a voice vote on March 20, 2001.

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